

CHAPTER NO. 625

SENATE BILL NO. 2774

By Mr. Speaker Wilder

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3078

By Fitzhugh

AN ACT To rename a certain bridge in Fayette County in honor of the late Dr. M.B. Feemster.

WHEREAS, From time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain public byways in honor of those outstanding public servants whose efforts have redounded to the great benefit of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, No Tennessean is more deserving of this special recognition than the late Dr. M.B. Feemster, who served with the greatest integrity, intelligence and industry for many years as a "country doctor" in Fayette County; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work in ministering to the sick, Dr. Feemster took an active role in the civic affairs of his community, serving with probity for many years on the Fayette County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, the Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation to name a bridge spanning the Wolf River in Fayette County between the towns of Moscow and Rossville in honor of this beloved gentleman; the signs were later removed when the existing bridge was torn down and a new bridge built, however the signs were never replaced; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Feemster's countless contributions to the good people of Fayette County merit that this bridge be renamed to honor his august memory; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning the Wolf River on State Route 57 in Fayette County is hereby designated as the "Doctor M.B. Feemster Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to this gifted and highly respected physician.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Doctor M.B. Feemster Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if Fayette County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation

within one (1) year of the effective date of this act, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the department. If electing option (1), Fayette County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the state for manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Fayette County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Fayette County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 10, 2002



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of April 2002



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